

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has divided the claims into three groups which are stated as being drawn to distinct inventions:

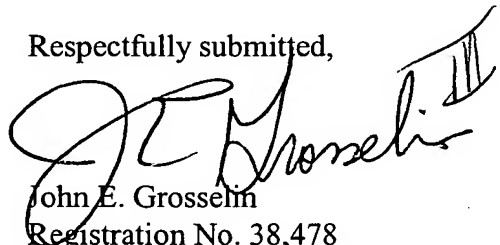
- I. Claims 1-38, drawn to an apparatus and a method for attachment of a conduit ventricle.
- II. Claim 39, drawn to a sewing cuff.
- III. Claims 40-42, drawn to a conduit.

In view of the above, applicant herein elects to prosecute claims 1 through 38 (corresponding to Group I) drawn to an apparatus and method for the attachment of a conduit to a ventricle.

Therefore, claims 39-42 are cancelled by this Amendment, without prejudice to the applicants' rights to make those claims the subject of divisional patent applications.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Election.

Respectfully submitted,



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